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Subject: New CEO and Chief Deputy CEO, five CEOs, etc.

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To: Mr. Mike Antonovich and Messrs. Zev Yaroslavsky, Gloria Molina,
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Dear Board Members of Los Angeles County:

Several questions cross my mind based on Item 57 of the May 15, 2007, agenda, now continued to May 22, 2007, concerning the subject appointments. I do believe all of you have given a lot of thought to the matter.

The title "CEO", and the impact it creates, is like working with a double-edged sword. It can (not that it will) have a different, unintended impact on the county as the years go by. It is like bringing a lion cub to protect one's home. However, as it grows into a full-fledged animal, it will take control of the owner and everything around it. Another example: in handling the recent Hispanic demonstrations, if the police were not armed with bullets but worked with a powerful back-up, the L.A. Police Chief would not have to face the trouble he now faces.

The title "CEO" itself gives boost to some people's hidden egos and ambitions. Many do control themselves but the CEOs of Enron, Tyco, WorldCom, Cendant, etc., did not see it that way. We know how dearly they paid for it.

While the corporate CEOs are immediately answerable to the chairmen and the boards of directors, they are also answerable to tough-minded shareholders. The state attorney generals can go after them for alleged deceptive practices. But, in the case of Los Angeles County CEOs faulting

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in the jobs, the Board of Supervisors will have to take some big hits. In such a case, the Board probably will have had very little to do with their CEOs' actions because their CEOs' actions were not up to par in the first place.

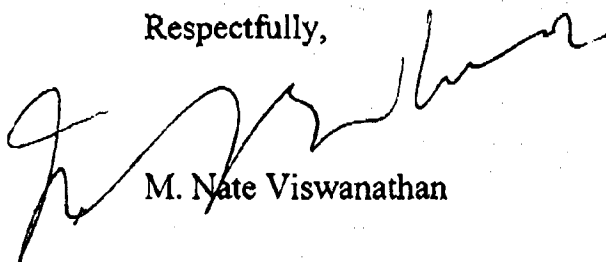
There is another issue that concerns me. (See *Los Angeles Times* March 25, 2007, pages B1 and B3.) Unlike any of the Board members, the Los Angeles County Mayor works on a grand plan "using 13 friends and benefactors" for advise and connections in order to accomplish his grand plan and also to benefit his inner circle. What stops the County CEO and his group from becoming a part of the Los Angeles City Mayor's existing "13 friends and benefactors."

For an unknown reason, I have a soft heart for the Los Angeles County Board and its style tells me it is comprised of neither schemeful nor devious individuals. Therefore, my time spent on this letter is not wasteful.

For example, I have charged a good amount of money for effective legal advise and people have taken it and they were thankful. The same advice to others given for free was not appreciated!!.

I have more useful suggestions on the above subject matter, and you will be apprised of my views when the time is right.

Respectfully,



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